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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1510

DATE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2001

SUBJECT: Voter registration.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill has the following provisions:

(A) Requires an individual registering to vote to provide the last four digits of the individual's Social Security Number, the individual's driver's license number, or the individual's State issued identification card number.

(B) Requires precinct election officials to request of each voter at the polls the voter's Social Security Number, the voter's driver's license number, or the voter's State issued identification card number. Provides that a voter is not required to provide any of these identification numbers at the polls.

(C) Requires the Indiana Election Division to make voter registration forms available on the Internet website maintained by the division so that the forms can be downloaded.

(D) Requires the State Department of Health and the Department of Correction to make certain information concerning deceased voters and incarcerated individuals available to the Election Division electronically.

(E) Repeals obsolete sections of the voter registration statutes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) (A) Currently the voter registration form requests the Social Security number of an individual as allowed under the federal Privacy Act of 1974 (U.S.C. 552a). A space is provided on the voter registration form for this information.

This bill requires an applicant to provide their voter identification number (either the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number, the individual's driver's license number, or the individual's state issued identification card number) on a voter registration form. The provision will require a change in the current

form. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the current budget.

(C) The Indiana Election Commission currently has an Internet web page that would allow the posting of voter registration forms. Given the online services already provided by Access Indiana to the Election Commission, there should be no new expenditure required to carry out this provision.

(D) The information required to be transferred to the Election Division from the State Department of Health (SDH) and the Department of Correction (DOC) concerning deceased and incarcerated individuals is already required to be collected by the SDH and the DOC. The information could be readily transferred by electronic mail at no increase to expenditure, given the SDH, DOC, and the Division have access to electronic mail.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) (B) The County Election Board would have to update the voter poll list sheet, to include a column for a voter identification number. The cost of changing and printing the form can be done within the current budget of counties.

(E) Under current law the County Voter Registration Office (CVRO) is required to send an application for registration by mail to an applicant who submitted a photocopied application at the mailing address set forth on the application. The repeal of the provision could save resources by reducing the amount of mailings made by the CVRO.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Indiana Election Division, Indiana Election Commission, Indiana State Department of Health; Indiana Department of Corrections.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties, Precincts.

Information Sources: